Text. Jesus' Birth, Boyhood, and Early Training" Lk. 2.
Historical Bible: Life of Jesus.

Theme.

What shall our Emphasis be?

Intro.- ~~Prof~~ Prof. Hyslop attracted by the mind-reading of the girl.
The Menlo crowd gathered to hear the man walking fr. S.F. to N.Y.

A. The N. T. Focus on the Life of Jesus.

I. The Gospels.

1. The 2 genealogies
   a - Old Syriac version of Matt. 1^16 "and Joseph begat Jesus"
   b - The 2 gen. imply that Jesus descended thru Joseph.

2. The accts of Matt. & Luke compared.

a. Points of Contrast - both independent accts.

1- Matt. fulfils Is. 7^14	Lk. a popular acct. current
2- Angel appears to Joseph	Angel appears to Mary.
3- Announ. of birth by star to Magi.	By angels to shepherds.
4- Fled at once to Egypt.	Went at once to Nazareth.
5. In time of Herod, c.4 B.C.	Lk. 2. 39 And when they had performed all thing [illegible] to the law of th Lord, they returned into alilee, to their own city Naza 5- In time of Quirinius became gov. 6 A.D.

b. Points of agreement.
1. Both agree that Jesus' Davidic descent was thru Joseph.
2. That Jesus was born amidst the most humble surroundings.
These stories emphasize the profound,

world-wide significance of the birth of Jesus. For Jew and gentile, king and shepherd, wise and lowly it meant indeed

" Glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace among men".

3. Matt. Mark. & Luke constantly speak of Jesus as the son of Joseph the carpenter.

4. The oldest gospel, Mark, begins with John the Baptist. The oldest philosophical inter. of J.C., John, makes no reference to virgin birth.

II. Paul. the greatest of all apostolic interpreters of J.C.

1. Says nothing about the miraculous birth of Jesus.
2. On the contrary, he writes - Ro. 1:3 "born of the seed of David according to the flesh."
   Ro. 8:3 "born in the likeness of sinful flesh"
   Ro. 9:5 referring to the fathers of the race "of whom X was according to the flesh".

III. The Epistle to the Hebrews. makes the fact that Jesus was "tempted in all points even as we are" the basis of his work as friend and Savior of men.

IV. Peter the great Pentecostal preacher - never mentions

V. The N.T. emphasis is upon the Personality, Teaching, & Work of Jesus.

B. On the other hand the Xn Church since the 2nd. Century has held tenaciously to the belief of the miraculous birth. It a popular expression of a profound consciousness of Jesus' uniqueness and divinity. Buddha, Confucius, Zoroaster

(2) The popular conception of birth:

ancient Canaanites & Phoenicians deified birth.

Jewish reaction

Philo "Every child of promise was born miraculously" "The Lord begat Isaac".